PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
7 Feb 52

2. LOCATION
Jackson, Tenn.

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 08/0405Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No Physical Specimen

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
not given

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE
SW to NE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
35 ft long object, tail seemed to catch fire as object fell. Obj struck ground and started small fire.

See: Specimen 7-3745-434

(OBJECT IN SPECIMEN FILE)

11. COMMENTS
Material was received at ATIC and is typical balloon material. Public reports from the area indicate this was the work of a prankster who inflated the balloon with explosive gas and attached a fuse to it.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☒ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

ATIC

9 FEB 59 08 58 FEB 8 06 37 '59

TELEPHONED
TO ATIC
NO. 71222
TIME 0640Z
Date 8 FEB 59
By: JE

RE009

CZCSQF266ZCVYA633

PP RJEDSQ

DE ROESBJ 67C

P 080530Z

FM CMDR 2047TH AACSRON MAXWELL AFB

TO RJWFAL/CMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB

RJESKB/CMDR 32 SAGE DOBBINS AFB

RJEDSQ/CMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

RJEZHQ/ASST CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEZHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF

RJWFAL/CMDR 1006TH AAIS ENT AFB

RJEDNB/CMDR EASTERN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND STEWART AFB

BT

UFO

A.

1. UNK

2. ABOUT 35FT LONG

3. UNK

4. ONE

5. NEG

6. UNKN

7. TAIL SEEMED TO CATCH FIRE AND BURN AS OBJECT FELL

8. UNKN

9. UNKN

B.

1. UNKN

2. 500 FT

3. STRUCK GROUND

4. TRAVELED FROM SW TO NE AT A SLOW SPEED

5. UNKN

6. UNKN

C. M

1. GROUND

2. NONE

3. NEG

D.

1. APPROX 08/0405Z

2. NIGHT

E.

1. IN RAILROAD YARD AT JACKSON TENN

F.

1. [redacted] OLD MEDINA RD JACKSON TENN [redacted]

2. NONE

G.

1. 08/0400Z M 90 BROKEN 160 BROKEN 12 SW 10

2. 6000 FTMSL 240/30, 10000 FTMSL 250/45, 16000 FT MSL 270/50, 20000 FTMSL 270/50, 30000 FTMSL 260/70, 50000 FTMSL 260/80 80000 FTMSL UNK

3. M90 BROKEN 160 BROKEN

4. 12

5. 6-9/10 THR

6. NO

. SEVERAL METEORS REPORTED THIS EVEIING

8. NONE

'. UNKN

K. FLIGHT SERVICE OPNS OFFICER NO COMMENT

L. MR WILSON PICKED UP A PIECE OF BLUE AND YELLOW PLASTIC AT THE POINT WHERE THE OBJECT FELL. STATED THAT A SMALL FIRE HAD STARTED AT IMPACT POINT ALL INFO RELAYED THRU MEM ARTC

BT

08/0540Z FEB ROESBJ

FOR: AFCIN - 4E4

ATTACHED IS A PIECE OF THE MATERIAL FOUND WHERE SOME OBJECT BURNED AND/OR EXPLODED AND FELL TO THE GROUND ABOUT 2130C FEB.7, 1959 ABOUT 1 MILE SOUTH OF JACKSON, TENN. YOU REQUESTED THROUGH MEMPHIS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, THAT THIS BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

PUBLIC REPORTS TODAY, INDICATE THAT IT WAS THE WORK OF A PRANKSTER WHO INFLATED A BALLOON WITH SOME EXPLOSIVE GAS AND ATTACHED A FUSE. THE BURNING FUSE PROBABLY APPEARED TO BE A MOVING LIGHT, AND WHEN THE FIRE REACHED THE BALLOON — IT EXPLODED WITH A FLASH.

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
ATCS R#2
MCKELLAR AIRPORT
JACKSON, TENNESSEE

ATIC
RECEIVED
FEB 23 10 1959

JACKSON, TENN

7 Feb 59

CASE CONTAINS PHYSICAL SPECIMEN IN separate FOLDER

ARTIFACT # 341-10-474

LOCATED in ARTIFACT ROOM